

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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URBAN TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched a scheme for urban transport planning to encourage States to upgrade public transport systems;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted for the effective implementation of the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The new centrally sponsored scheme of Urban Transport Planning envisages Central financial assistance to States/UTs/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) upto 80% of the total cost for taking up various traffic & transportation studies and upto 50% of the total cost of preparation of Detailed Project Reports(DPRs). The Scheme covers a wide gamut of urban transport planning matters for promoting comprehensive urban mobility plan, integrating landuse and transport, preparation of DPRs, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) studies, Intelligent Transport System (ITS) studies, launching of awareness campaign etc. in line with the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006. The objective of this scheme is to guide and facilitate implementation of NUTP, 2006 right from the initial planning stage.

(c)&(d): All States/UTs have been advised, in August 2008, to avail the Central financial assistance related to urban transport planning right from the planning stage and also to ensure that various studies/DPRs result into meaningful projects.